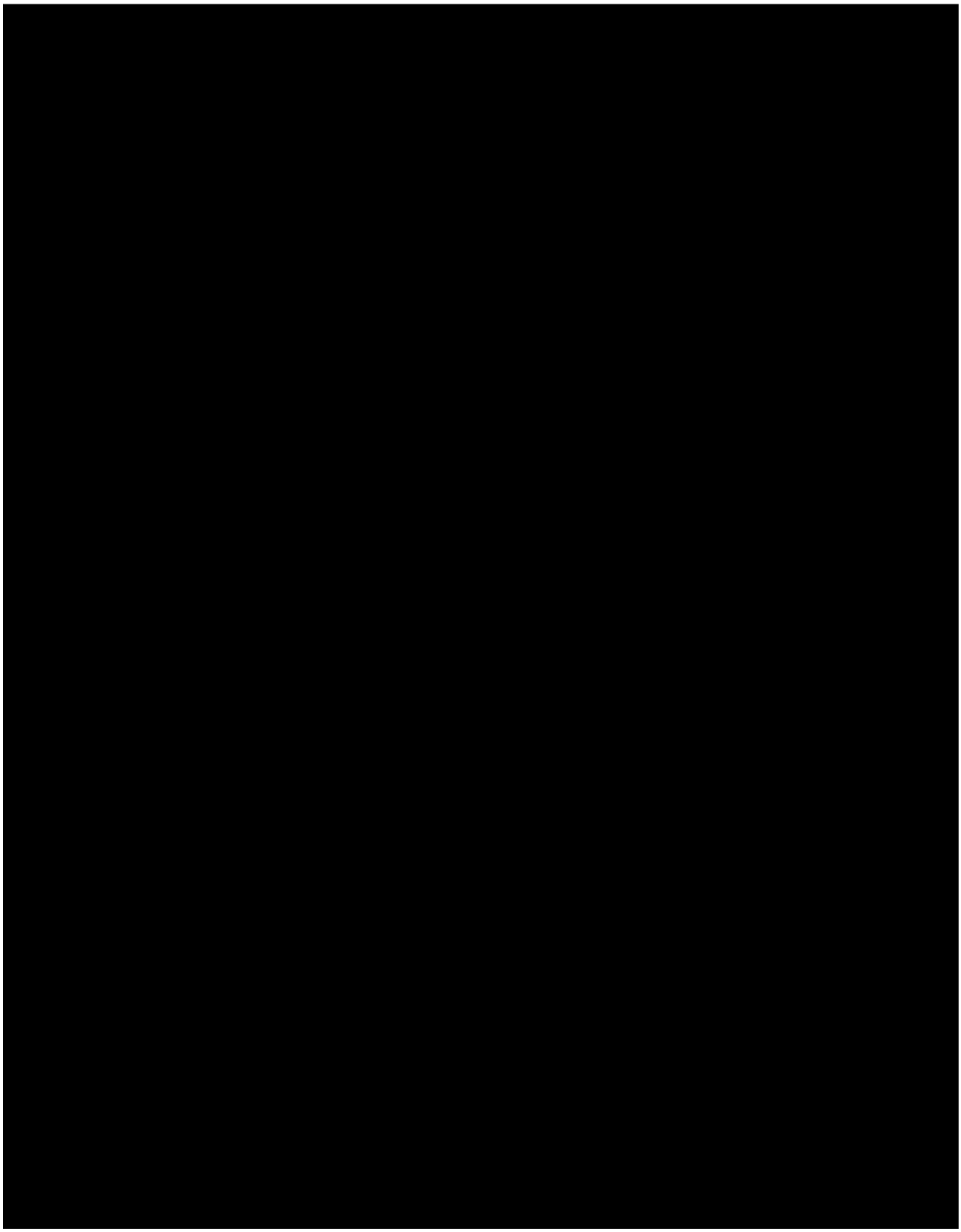
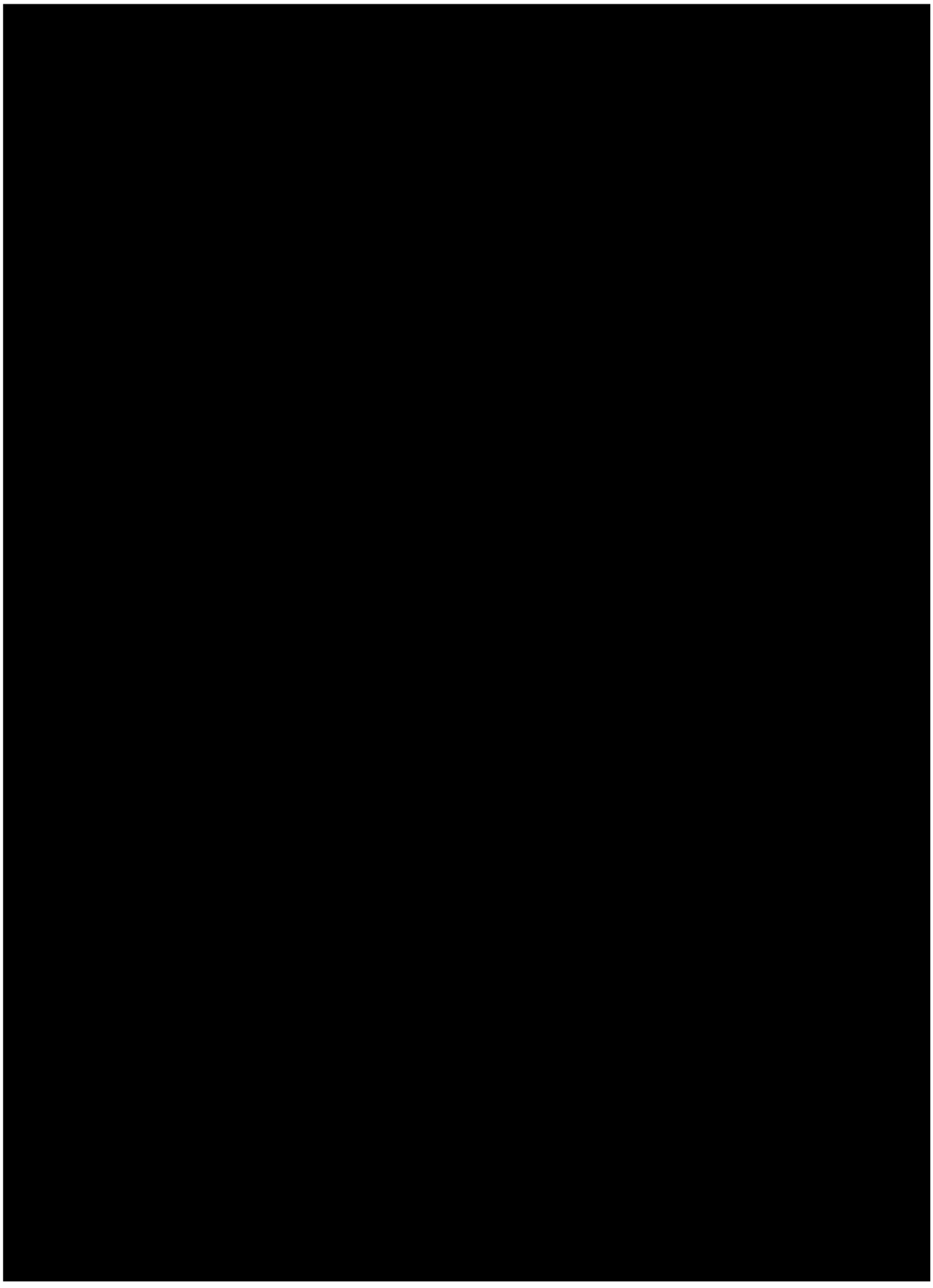
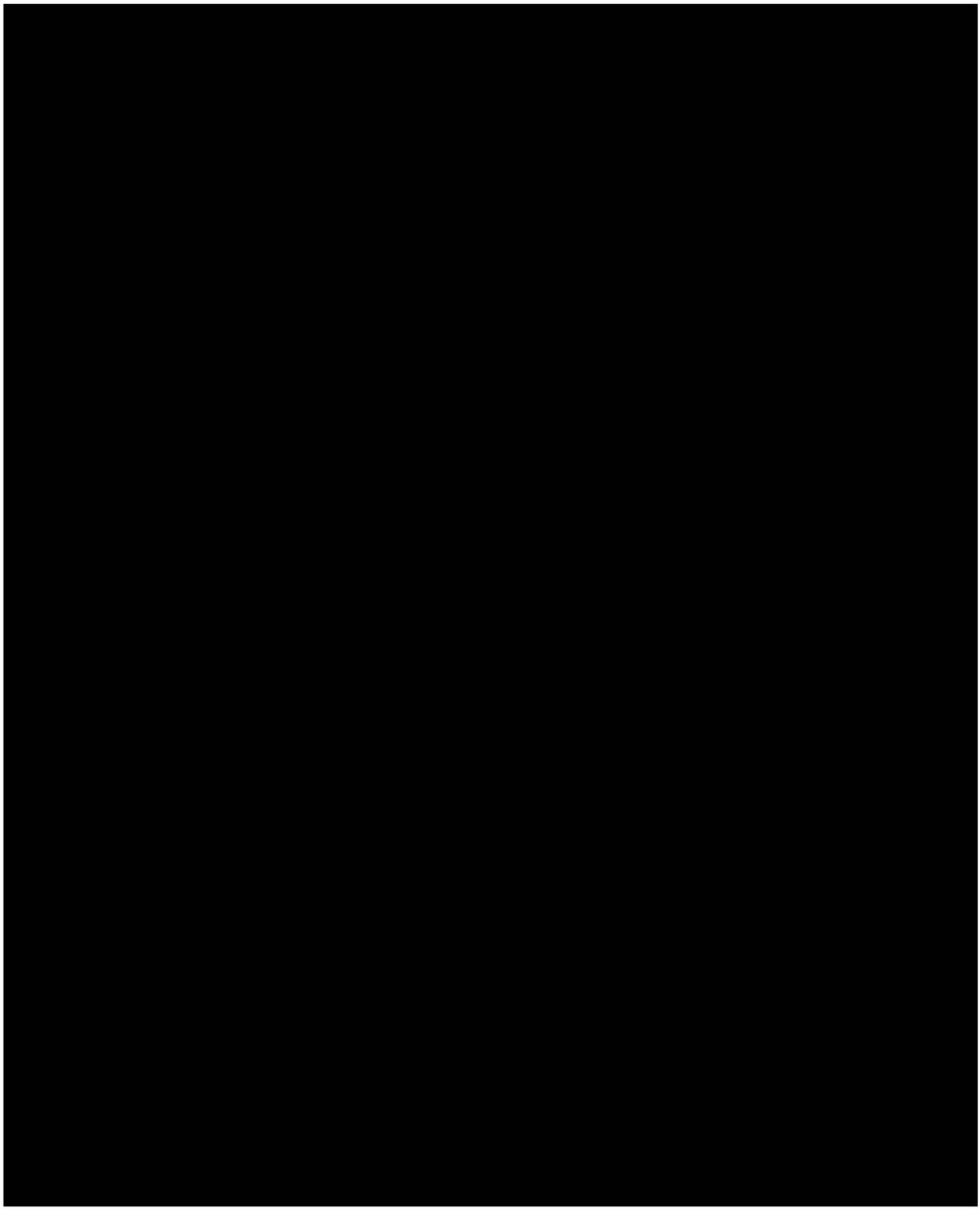
Hot Issues for Administrator Gina McCarthy's Visit to EPA Region IX







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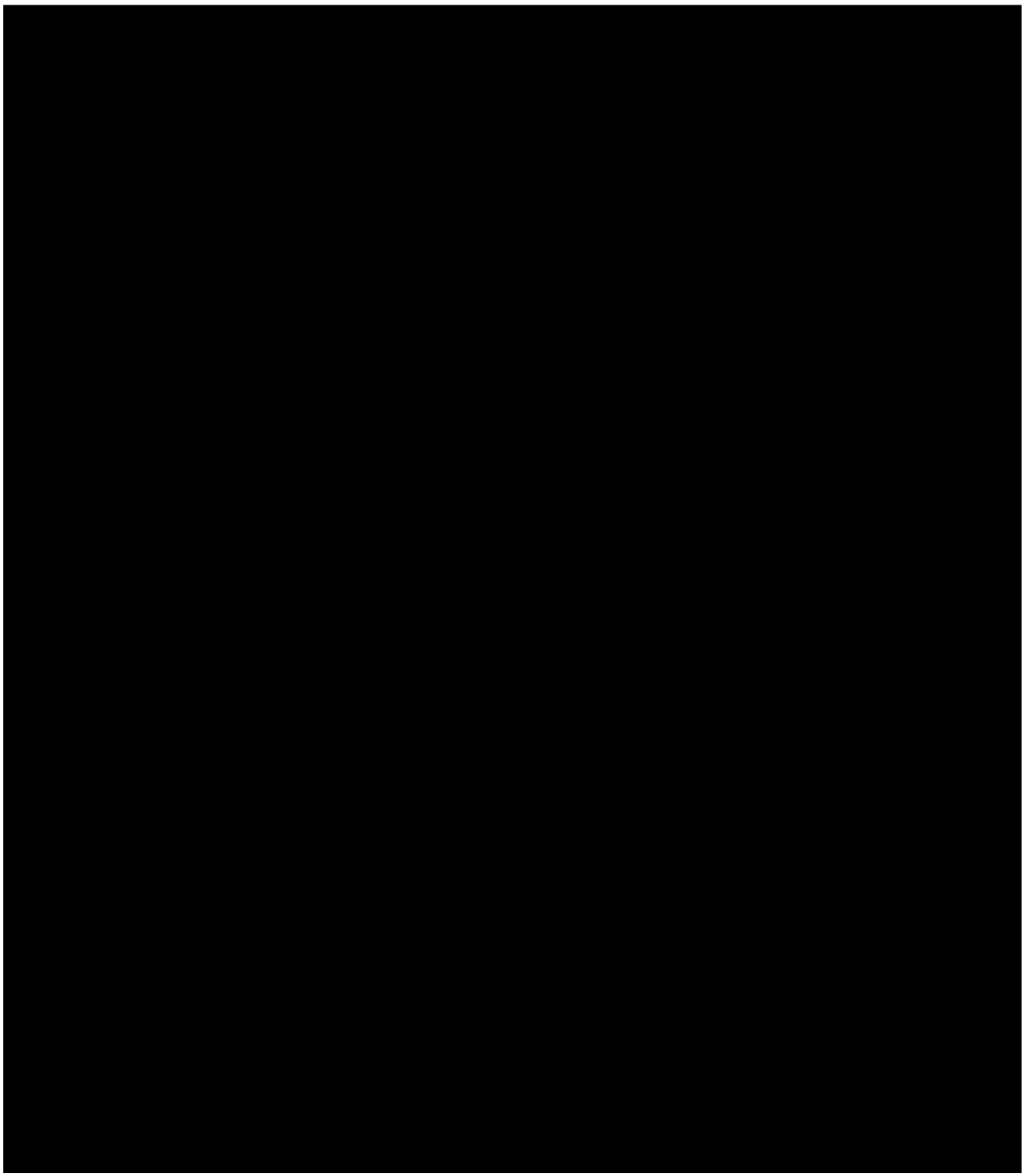

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site (San Francisco, CA): The US Navy is cleaning up the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard for transfer to the City of San Francisco and Lennar Urban to develop for housing, commercial offices, research and development, and open space. In 2012, the Navy discovered its contractor Tetra Tech had falsified radiological samples in its cleanup of storm drains and sewer lines. The Navy required resampling in suspect

locations, and EPA reviewed this work. In February 2016, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a Notice of Apparent Violation to Tetra Tech. In March 2016, NBC news aired a story about a former worker who alleged that his supervisors ordered him to falsify samples and improperly dispose of potentially contaminated material onsite. EPA and the Navy are investigating these new allegations to determine potential concerns and appropriate follow-up.

EPA and other agencies participate in the neighborhood EJ Task Force, funded by Cal EPA and led by Bradley Angel and Marie Harrison of Greenaction. They requested technical assistance from Dan Hirsch, UC Santa Cruz, who gave a public presentation on April 21, 2016, stating that the Navy's cleanup criteria do not meet current EPA standards. EPA explained that we review all cleanup reports using the current EPA risk model. As an extra precaution, we also reviewed past cleanup reports and found they are also protective using current standards. Greenaction is also concerned that sea level rise will flood the site, releasing contained contamination. In January 2016, EPA presented designs for revetment walls and sea walls and explained the process for updating cleanup plans as new science and policies emerge on this or any other issue. EPA also explained how the Navy Five-Year Reviews will continue in perpetuity to evaluate the continued protectiveness of the remedies. Contact: John Chesnutt, 415972.3005